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Next meeting is 7:30pm Friday, January 6, 2006

Greetings from your new President!!!

President's Corner

by John Finnell

Hello everyone. I hope you and yours had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Here we go on a brand new year (our 34th) and as your brand new president, I want to first say "Thank You!" to Rusty for the fine job he did and to all of the officers and volunteers who made 2005 a great year for our club. Speaking of which, I hear that Rechey's talk on paper money and coins that can still be found in circulation was terrific! I wish I had been able to be there for that one. Not to take anything away from the presentations others have given but in my opinion the best ones are those done by our members! So "Good Job!" to everyone!

I received a very important note from Keith Wills, President of WWATS and Lone Star Treasure member, who wrote to say he plans to concentrate his efforts this year on opening up State Parks here in Texas to the metal detecting hobbyist (*see Page 4*). Folks, if this sounds good to you, Keith needs our help! As many of you know he finances most of the work done by WWATS himself and also does the lion's share of the legwork. So any help you can offer will be appreciated. I expect we will be hearing more on this subject as events unfold.

Our guest for this month is Agent Matt Johann of the United States Secret Service. Agent Johann will be discussing the role of the Secret Service including counterfeit money investigation and providing security for Executive branch Officials. I think we will all find this an unusual and interesting discussion so I hope to see all of you there!

Finds of the Month - December 2005

COIN

Dave Totzke 1855 Seated Quarter
Earl Hitt 1878 Seated Quarter
Jim Turner 1908 Dime



GOLD JEWELRY

Mike Koenig 14K Diamond Ring
Jim Turner 14K Gold Ring
Floyd Caldwell Gold Ring



SILVER JEWELRY

Dave Totzke Silver Necklace
Jim Turner Boy Scout Ring
Mike Koenig Silver Spinner Ring



RELIC

Mike Koenig Eagle Button
Rick Anderson Minnie Ball
Jesse Boedeker Arrow Point



TOKEN

Floyd Caldwell Avery Tractor Fob
Rick Anderson Higginbotham Co. Fob
David Totzke Interstate Chemical Co. Fob



WILD CARD

Paul Wilson Toy Lead Soldier
Dave Totzke 14K ? Nugget Ring
Mike Koenig 1967 Class Ring



Door Prize Winners in December

Door Prize	Donated by	Winner
Treasure Laws of the US	Harold Rosee	Rusty Curry
Tool Kit	Harold Rosee	Frank Lawson
Garrett Hat	Garrett	Rick Burkey
Probe	Jim Arrington	Jack Lowry
Garrett Hat	Garrett	Dave Totzke
Silver Round	Floyd & Susan	Charles Martin
Digger	Jim Arrington	Garland Sulth ^(sp)
Two Men & Truck Cap	Dave Totzke	Bob Slocum
Garrett Package	Mike Koenig	Joe Hennig
Garrett Knife, Merc, Buffalo, Indian Cent	Rechey Davidson	Mike Koenig
Christmas Wreath	Velma Slocum	Ronnie Morris

Raffle Winners in December

Raffle Prize	Winner
1853 Large Cent	Kelene Totzke
1999 Colorized Quarters	Terry Schick
Twin Towers Silver Round	Shelley Sharum
1869 3cent Nickel	Rodney Bates
1868 2cent Piece	Paul Wilson
1858 Flying Eagle Cent	Gordon Robinson
1853 Seated Dime	Dave Totzke
1942 Hawaii Silver Cert.	Dave Totzke
1803 8 Reale	David Bennett
1833 Bust Dime	Ivan Santos
1834 Bust Half	Gary Dowless
Dos Peso Gold Coin	Terry Schick

WWATS Plan to Open State Parks

In 2006 I will be spending a lot of my time, as will hopefully several more of you that wish to help, in working a plan up to finally open our State Parks here in Texas to our hobby.

There will be many long hours used in doing this and some travel to see the correct folks to get this goal accomplished at mostly an expense to me. I'm asking EVERY TREASURE CLUB in the State of Texas to announce this at their next meeting.

Also to review our code-of-ethics and remind members just how important it is to cover their holes and pick up their trash. You and I do not need a hunter that will not abide by the code of ethics, especially at this time and for the coming year.

I can not express the importance of this!

We have just learned of the Texas Historical Commission's attempts to close not just the county parks in Harris County, but many other counties as well and close the coastal beaches of the state to our hobby. We also have just found a possible plan to open the state parks of Texas in the near future.

I have just received a letter from one of our own, stating that two members of a club here in the state in the area of Nevada, Texas while hunting a park had refused another TH'ers request to fill their holes and pick up the trash they dug, even after his third request. Thus he was forced to cover the holes for these two club members and pick up their trash in order to preserve his right and our right to continue to have the privilege to hunt that park.

Folks, please mention this to your club members in your business meeting, ask them to help themselves and me by policing others and reviewing our ethics. I and the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs, Inc. and WWATS have always been in favor of turning in such that refuse to practice good ethics in the field so to keep the privilege allowed to us to hunt open areas within Texas. Please do not make it harder for me and others to add to these open areas for our hobby in this state.

Thanks you all very much and wish you all a very good New Year.

Keith Wills
President WWATS
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Birthday Drawing:	Jack Ellett
Name Tag Drawing:	O.W. Summers
Marble Raffle:	Mark McKay drew the Green Marble and won \$201.00.

Calendar of Events

January 6, 2006 LSTHC January Meeting
January 7, 2006 LSTHC January Fun Hunt
February 3, 2006 LSTHC February Meeting
February 4, 2006 LSTHC February Fun Hunt
April 29-30, 2006 Texas Treasure Show

New Metal detecting Club in Mesquite

The next meeting of the East Fork Treasure Hunters Association is to be held on January 3rd, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Mesquite Metro Airport, conference room located at 1540 Airport Blvd, Mesquite, Tx.

Going for the Gold **Over \$1000 worth of GOLD coins**

Again this year, the club's annual Christmas party included a raffle of 22 gold coins.....and the winners were:

1880-S \$5 Gold	Ronald Hankins
\$5 Gold	Anita Lehky
\$5 Gold	Carline Scott
\$5 Gold	Chris Boedeker
\$5 Gold	Rick Anderson
1/10 Kruegerrand	Ricky Crow
1/10 Kruegerrand	John Finnell
Five Peso	Troy Galloway
Five Peso	David Jones
Five Peso	Ronnie Morris
2 1/2 Peso	Jesse Boedeker
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1/20 Libertad	Chuck Howell
1/20 Libertad	Troy Galloway
Venezuelan Gold	Roy Harston
1915 One Ducat	Robert Gibson
Dos Peso	Terry Schrell
Dos Peso	Rick Anderson
Dos Peso	Bob O'Day
Dos Peso	David Bennett
Dos Peso	Jesse Boedeker
Dos Peso	Joe Hennig

Six Amigos site selection set for 2006 hunt

Hey folks! I have secured the site in Canton for next Nov. the 11th, 2006. This is the same site with the same options for expansion, etc. The hunt officials will meet in the future and we'll probably start sign-ups in Sept. sometime. The cost of the hunt will be the same \$30 more than likely, but with the price of silver going up daily, we may have to adjust.

Please direct suggestions or questions to me. All help is appreciated!

"We Dig History"

Smith County Metal Detecting Association

Bob Norman- President

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WWATS Code of Ethics

- I WILL respect all public and private land.
- I WILL always obtain the owner's permission to gain entrance and use.
- I WILL NOT destroy property or buildings on public or private land.
- I WILL remove as much litter that I find as possible and fill all excavations.
- I WILL NOT contaminate wells, creeks or other water supplies.
- I WILL respect all others use of the land and natural resources that are operating within the WWATS Code of Ethics.
- I WILL attempt to approach, educate or report those that do not follow the WWATS Code of Ethics.
- I WILL report the discovery of items of significant historical value to local authorities in accordance with governing laws.
- I WILL strive to learn, promote and preserve my rights to enjoy my hobby.
- I WILL protect our land and natural resources, and act as a good ambassador at all times.

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